

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: There are over 140 local Chambers of Commerce operating in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Local Chambers of Commerce have contributed to the civic and economic life of Arkansas for 155 years since the founding of the first local chamber of commerce in 1866; and

WHEREAS: Local Chambers of Commerce work with businesses, nonprofits, merchants, and industry to advance the civic, economic, professional, industrial, and cultural life of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Local Chambers of Commerce in Arkansas foster and encourage the growth of existing businesses and encourage new businesses to locate in Arkansas, acting as a liaison between the business community, education, and government; and

WHEREAS: Local Chambers of Commerce have distinguished themselves through their promotion of local communities and projects. By fostering job creation, improving education, and developing infrastructure, these organizations have laid the foundation for many communities, contributing to a better future for all Arkansans; and

WHEREAS: Local Chambers of Commerce have served as a critical link between government, business, and the community; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas recognizes the contribution of local Chambers of Commerce to the economic and civic vitality of the State of Arkansas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 18<sup>th</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, as

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK IN ARKANSAS

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2021.



Attest:

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor